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**"AN ACT CONCERNING UTILITY TERMINATION FOR
HOUSEHOLDS WITH A CHILD NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-FOUR
MONTHS OLD."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 16-262c of the
4 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
5 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

6 (b) (1) From November first to May first, inclusive, no electric or
7 electric distribution company, as defined in section 16-1, no electric
8 supplier and no municipal utility furnishing electricity shall terminate,
9 deny or refuse to reinstate residential electric service in hardship cases
10 where the customer lacks the financial resources to pay his or her
11 entire account. From November first to May first, inclusive, no gas
12 company and no municipal utility furnishing gas shall terminate, deny
13 or refuse to reinstate residential gas service in hardship cases where
14 the customer uses such gas for heat and lacks the financial resources to

15 pay his or her entire account, except a gas company that, between May
16 second and October thirty-first, terminated gas service to a residential
17 customer who uses gas for heat and who, during the previous period
18 of November first to May first, had gas service maintained because of
19 hardship status, may refuse to reinstate the gas service from November
20 first to May first, inclusive, only if the customer has failed to pay, since
21 the preceding November first, the lesser of: (A) Twenty per cent of the
22 outstanding principal balance owed the gas company as of the date of
23 termination, (B) one hundred dollars, or (C) the minimum payments
24 due under the customer's amortization agreement. Notwithstanding
25 any other provision of the general statutes to the contrary, no electric,
26 electric distribution or gas company, no electric supplier and no
27 municipal utility furnishing electricity or gas shall terminate, deny or
28 refuse to reinstate residential electric or gas service where the customer
29 lacks the financial resources to pay his or her entire account and for
30 which customer or a member of the customer's household the
31 termination, denial of or failure to reinstate such service would create a
32 life-threatening situation. No electric, electric distribution or gas
33 company, no electric supplier and no municipal utility furnishing
34 electricity or gas shall terminate, deny or refuse to reinstate residential
35 electric or gas service where the customer is a hardship case and lacks
36 the financial resources to pay his or her entire account and a child not
37 more than twenty-four months old resides in the customer's household
38 and such child has been admitted to the hospital and received
39 discharge papers on which the attending physician has indicated such
40 service is a necessity for the health and well being of such child.

41 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 16-262j of the general statutes is
42 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
43 *1, 2011*):

44 (a) No public service company and no electric supplier shall refuse
45 to provide electric, gas or water service to a residential customer based
46 on the financial inability of such customer to pay a security deposit for
47 such service. No public service company and no electric supplier shall
48 require a security deposit from any residential customer whose

49 electric, gas or water service was terminated due to nonpayment of a
50 delinquent account, as a condition of reinstating such service,
51 provided such termination was the first termination of service for
52 nonpayment on such account. The Department of Public Utility
53 Control shall adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 to carry
54 out the provisions of this subsection."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	16-262c(b)(1)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	16-262j(a)